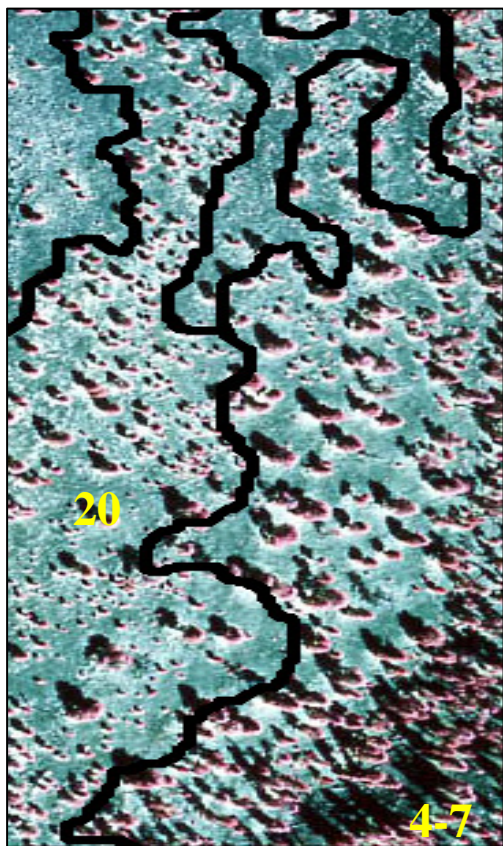


Ponderosa Pine / Sand Bluestem Woodland (20)

Location. This map class is best developed outside the park boundary. However, a few small polygons occur within the mapping area, on the flanks of Sunset Crater and smaller cinder cones in the vicinity. This class was mapped primarily from observations made in the field.



Photosignature. There is little in the aerial photosignature to distinguish this type from map code 14 (Ponderosa Pine/Cinder Woodland) or map code 15 (Ponderosa Pine/Montane Grass Mosaic). Because the canopy is usually open, the grass understory sometimes appears as regularly spaced tiny white specks against the greenish-black cinder substrate.